Shrewsbury
Jan. 7. 1865

My dear Sir,

Your valuable parcel has arrived here a few days ago thro' the kindness of Messrs Trübner in perfect safety. But how can I sufficiently thank you for its magnificent contents - the splendid Cuban Lichens - and the extensive collection of your invaluable writings - all new to me except your inimitable Examination of my old schoolfellow Darwin's "Origin of Species." Nor must I neglect to add my thanks for your beautiful Photograph & the Papers sent by post.

I have to day forwarded by rail, carriage paid to London, a

large parcel of my Lich Bit &c. &c. to the care of Messrs Trubner of London through whom Boston correspondent you will get it eventually. In it you will find some Papers - which may be useful. After packing the parcel I found I had neglected to enclose my Photograph I have therefore inserted it with some other Papers in a small parcel attached to the larger one.

I hope you will be satisfied with the contents — but I fear you will scarcely regard them as equivalent to guns.

And now — with every good wish of this joyous season

I remain Your obliged & grateful

Wm Allport Leighton